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Numeiry seeks second term
 KHARTOUM, March 22 (R). — Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiry said today he would nominate himself for a second term in office.
 Speaking at the opening session of the Sudan Workers Congress, the president said: "I have made it clear that the next stage needs strength, ability, health and thought. If the masses see that I will be possessing these, then I have no choice but to nominate myself for a second term."

ion system for Israel
 March 22 (AFP). — Israel is installing electronic detection system under highlands to avert the danger of attack, it was reported here today.
 The press, quoting statements by Minister Shimon Peres at a dinner Friday, said the installations ran from the north through Jerusalem to the south.

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Hussein with Mr. Vinogradov Monday
radov starts visit by King Hussein, Rifai

His Majesty said, is the most suitable instrument by which peace in the region could be worked out.
 He was welcomed at the airport by the Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Fawwaz Abul Ghanam, the Director of Protocol at the Ministry, Mr. Zaki Qus, the Soviet Ambassador to Jordan and embassy staff.
 Mr. Vinogradov, sources say, is on a mission partly designed to try and revive the Geneva conference, or at least set up a preparatory conference.
 The Geneva conference was adjourned after a brief session in December 1973.

Seated at Security I debate

IONS, March 22 (R). — The PLO would continue to object to the erosion of rules.
 France, Britain and Italy abstained and the 11 other members voted in favour of seating the PLO at the table without any reference to the specific rules of procedure which deal with the seating of non-members.
 French delegate Jacques Leconte said the Palestinians should be heard in international discussions of problems affecting them.
 Delegates of Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Yugoslavia were given permission to take part in the debate, expected to last at least two days, but were not seated at the Council table.
 Libyan Ambassador Mansur Rashid Kikhia said the Council must take "prompt and effective measures to put an end to Israeli actions in occupied Jerusalem and on the West Bank."
 Egyptian Ambassador Ismat Abdul Meguid called for the exercise by the Palestinian people of their right to self-determination, and he urged the Council to condemn Israel's "brutal and illegal actions in the occupied territories."
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Beirut fighting leaves over 100 dead; Franjeh proposes face-saving exit

BEIRUT, March 22 (R). — Day-long battles between right and left-wing factions left at least 100 people dead in Beirut today, the bloodiest 24 hours in nearly a year of civil strife.
 Rightwing Phalangists, supporting President Suleiman Franjeh, resumed their artillery barrage on the city's Moslem areas with batteries of 155-mm guns dug into the mountains northeast of Beirut.
 The 65-year-old President continued to resist demands from many quarters that he should resign immediately. He met the Lebanese cabinet to discuss ways for him to leave office in what has been described as a gracious fashion.
 As the politicians met, furious fighting for control of the 26-storey Holiday Inn Hotel, near the seafront, continued between Mr. Franjeh's rightwing supporters and his leftist opponents.
 Towards evening police sources said 100 people had been killed in the previous 12 hours, but in the general confusion and sometimes terror caused by the shelling it was impossible to gain accurate casualty figures.
 Leftists toured the streets of west Beirut with loudspeakers, advising people of precautions to take if concentrated shelling occurred.
 The independent Nasserite radio said leftwing forces had quelled rightist resistance in the Holiday Inn and the whole seafront hotel district was under their control.
 While the country shuddered to the roar of high explosives, President Franjeh put forward as his own a Syrian plan intended to take the heat out of the crisis.
 But observers doubted whether it went as far as to satisfy demands for his immediate removal demanded by Progressive Socialist leader Kamal Jumblatt and his fellow leftists.
 The Phalangist radio announced that a new Syrian mediation team would arrive here tomorrow to seek a way out of the crisis, but observers questioned whether the passions now aroused may not have outrun the curbs Damascus might put on them.
 A key element in the Syrian plan would be to extend from two to six months the period before the end of a president's term in which parliament may elect his successor.
 Mr. Franjeh's term has just six months to run, and Syria and his Lebanese supporters may hope to keep him in office that long if a successor can be chosen well in advance.
 At an emergency session of the cabinet today the President put this forward as his own idea, saying the new president would need a longer period to acquaint himself with the task.
 At the meeting, the cabinet took three decisions which it hoped would speed an end to the Lebanese crisis.
 The key decision involved the amendment to the constitution. Other decisions involved an amnesty to all civil war-related dissidents and a resumption of tripartite regional committees charged with ensuring respect of the Jan. 22 ceasefire.
 Later leftist leader Kamal Jumblatt declared that he opposed the emergency measures adopted by the cabinet.
 He said he continued to support a parliamentary petition calling for the immediate and unconditional departure of the chief of state, adding that he was "astonished" that the government had met "under the chairmanship of the man whose resignation they are demanding."
 Also Monday, French Vice Consul Guy Marioulet was injured in the arms and leg when a mortar shell exploded outside his office near the hotel area of Beirut, a French embassy spokesman said.
 The Vice Consul was taken to the American Hospital, where his condition was described as fairly serious.
 No further details were immediately available.



AGONY OF WAR. — Leftist gunman from the Mourabitoun stands with his rifle at the entrance of the Holiday Inn hotel in Beirut after a fierce battle with the right wing Phalangist party on Sunday which led to the seizure of the hotel by the Mourabitoun. (AP wirephoto).

Arab protests continue despite some concessions by Israelis

HEBRON, Occupied West Bank, March 22, (R). — Israeli troops again clashed violently with students here today as civic leaders tried to calm tension over a Jewish settlement outside this occupied Arab town on the West Bank.
 The 71-year-old mayor, Sheikh Mohammed Ali Jaabari, presided over a mass meeting of traders and officials and later announced he would withdraw his resignation at the insistence of Israeli Defence Minister Shimon Peres.
 He had been the ninth Arab mayor to quit after recent clashes throughout the territory between students and Israeli troops.
 The mayor told a press conference that he was demanding the release of all youths arrested by the Israelis.
 After moving out yesterday, Israeli troops re-entered the town of 40,000 inhabitants this morning to break up a demonstration by about 200 students.
 At the same meeting, teachers protested that the soldiers had pursued pupils into a nearby school. They said the mayor should insist that the troops must leave.
 With tension still running high in the town, the principal district judge, Sheikh Rajab Dayub, told the meeting in the town hall that residents wanted peace and quiet but were being "trampled on" by Jews from the controversial nearby settlement of Kiryat Arba.
 This was set up in 1970, despite Arab protests, near the site of a former Jewish settlement. The area contains a religious site sacred to both Jews and Moslems which has been a flashpoint for religious troubles.
 It houses, the Ibrahim Mosque and the tombs of the Jewish patriarchs. Arabs were furious when the Israeli government partitioned the Ibrahim Mosque among Moslems and Jews.
 The leader of the Jewish settlement, Rabbi Moshe Levinger, was reprimanded by the Defence Minister for what Mr. Peres called "provocation" in ordering his guards to shoot to hit Arabs if they felt themselves endangered by the demonstrations.
 The authorities have now banned Mr. Levinger from entering Hebron or the Mosque. A left wing Mapam minister in a newspaper today called him a "public menace."
 In a resolution adopted at today's meeting, the Arabs called on the Israeli government to ban Jews from praying at the Ibrahim Mosque altogether and to halt settlement in the West Bank.
 Sheikh Jaabari said he would meet the military governor later today and demand an end to the week-old curfews at the towns of Ramallah and El-Bireh, north of Jerusalem. The curfew was lifted in the town Halhul near here after five days.
 Arab notables in East Jerusalem and the head of the Supreme Moslem Council also called Mr. Peres asking for all curfews to be lifted.
 Scattered incidents of stone-throwing and tyre-burning by Arab youths were reported today but the area was mainly quiet.
 The Israeli authorities hoped a decision by the Supreme Court last night enforcing a police ban on Jewish prayers at Al-Haram Al-Sharif in Jerusalem would help to defuse tension.
 Students at Bir Zeit College raised a Palestinian flag and staged demonstrations but were persuaded to return to their classrooms. The military governor promised to release three students arrested last week.
 Soldiers dispersed demonstrations in Jenin and Tul-karm.
 Meanwhile, an 11-year-old Arab boy shot in the head by Israeli soldiers Wednesday during a demonstration near Jerusalem died in hospital today, and there were indications he (Continued on page 6)

Britain proposes settlement plan for Rhodesia dispute

LONDON, March 22, (R). — Britain today proposed a two-stage plan to settle the protracted Rhodesian independence dispute based on elections for majority rule within 18 months to two years.
 Foreign Secretary James Callaghan put forward the major new initiative following the collapse of constitutional talks last Friday between Premier Ian Smith's white minority government and black nationalist leader Joshua Nkomo.
 Mr. Callaghan said Britain would consider financial and other means to support the initiative if the proposals were acceptable.
 In the first stage there must be prior agreement by all the principal parties to the dispute on a number of pre-conditions. Mr. Callaghan said the first and destruction."

Tunis arrests alleged Libyan murder squad

CAIRO, March 22, (R). — Relations between Libya and its neighbours Tunisia and Egypt deteriorated further today with the arrest in Tunisia of three alleged Libyan gunmen.
 Police Chief Abdulmejid Bouslama told a news conference in Tunis that the men belonged to a Libyan assassination squad planning an attack on "a Tunisian political personality." The target was widely believed to be President Habib Bourguiba or Premier Hedi Nouri.
 Less than two weeks ago Egypt announced the arrest of 27 Libyan commandos alleged to have been sent to Egypt by the Libyan leader, Colonel Muammar Kaddafi, to murder public figures and kidnap two dissident members of the Libyan government.
 Tunisia's official TAP news agency quoted an interview by President Bourguiba today with a French radio station in which he said that Libya "sent killers to Tunisia to avenge itself for the failure of union between Tunisia and Libya."

Kreisky ends tour

VIENNA, March 22 (R). — Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky returned tonight from a five-nation Middle East tour at the head of a Socialist International delegation.
 Dr. Kreisky flew back to Vienna from Damascus, where he had an airport meeting with Syrian Prime Minister Mahmoud Al-Ayoubi.
 The Socialist International mission, the third which Dr. Kreisky has led to the Middle East, visited Kuwait, Iraq, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.
 Earlier in a press statement, in Damascus, Dr. Kreisky said "there are obstacles and difficulties in the way of establishing peace in the region, but this should in no way prevent making (Continued on page 6)

Khaled holds cooperation talks in Kuwait

22 (R). — King Fahd bin Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia, including Iran, the sources added.
 The Saudi Arabian monarch arrived here yesterday for a two-day state visit as part of a five-nation tour of the Gulf states.
 Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister, Prince Saud Al-Faisal said the talks were constructive and enabled the two leaders to develop joint action "at this crucial moment for the Gulf region and for the Arab nation."
 During his meeting last night with the Kuwaiti leader, King Khalid also discussed the possibility of setting up joint economic projects and the limits of territorial waters between the two countries, the sources said.
 Defence and foreign ministers of the two states also held separate meetings. No details were given.
 The King leaves for Bahrain tomorrow, the second stop on his Gulf tour.

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Come off it, Maggie

Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, the British Conservative Party and opposition leader, arrived in Tel-Aviv Sunday for a three-day visit to Israel.

Upon her arrival, she was questioned about her attitude to the Palestine Liberation Organisation and replied that international policy could not be made with "terrorism."

This is the same Margaret Thatcher who several months ago visited Egypt and Syria and told a Damascus press conference that Middle East peace must be based on United Nations resolutions and that the Palestinian people are a central element in the search for peace.

Now she tells the Israelis that one doesn't make policy with "terrorism," in the finest example of how a Western politician talks out of both sides of his or her mouth in that damnable process that makes people say things that sound good but mean very little.

Somebody should tell Mrs Thatcher that she is not in Israel to win votes — or is she? — and that she does not have to spew forth phrases that she thinks her audience of the moment wants to hear.

Does she think the PLO represents terrorism? Does she know the meaning of the word terrorism? Does she have the faintest idea of what has happened in Palestine and the Middle East during the past 50 years, and how the concept of Zionist terrorism fits into this regional bit of history? If she does not make policy with terrorism, why does she meet with experienced terrorists par excellence such as Yigal Allon? Will she ask the Israeli leaders about the Zionist terror in Palestine that was used against the British? Is there in the family history of the Thatcher's someone who served in Palestine and was perhaps the victim of Zionist terror?

One suggests to Mrs. Thatcher that she weigh her words more carefully, and asks her kindly please not to burden an already complicated situation in the Middle East with the expedient but rapid rhetoric that is the product of Anglo-Saxon electoral imperatives.

If Mrs. Thatcher believes the PLO represents terror, she is a brave woman indeed to have let her daughter live and work at the Kfar-Hanasse kibbutz in Upper Galilee several years ago. Does Mrs. Thatcher condone a family member playing a direct role in the Zionist colonisation and occupation of Palestine, as she herself appears to foster this with her stupid words? One supposes that it is a stroke of luck that the Palestinian terrorists did not hurt a member of the Thatcher family who has had a hand in trying to give Zionism the artificial roots in the Palestinian soil that it is fundamentally unable to grow for itself.

One has the right to ask people like Mrs. Thatcher who insist on coming out here to the Middle East to view the situation honestly and with an open mind, and tell us in plain, simple words what they intend to contribute to the search for peace. We don't need double-talk and sorry displays of obsequious verbiage.

Speak the truth, Maggie, and it shall make thee free.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

In its editorial Sunday, Al Ra'i refers to the arrival Monday in Amman of the Soviet envoy Valdimir Vinogradov and says that he is arriving within the silent, but intensified contacts on the Middle East problem. For, the paper goes on, after Washington declared its readiness—by authorisation of Israel—to move anew, all the other parties concerned started also to move ahead with the least possible ado, to find a common ground for these international endeavours.

Al Ra'i continued: "What concerns us, however, is the Jordanian point of view, which was described by the Austrian Chancellor as reasonable and practical, and which was aired by His Majesty King Hussein during his recent Far East trip. This is the solution of the Palestine problem through negotiations with Jordan out of the question; for Palestine has now its legitimate negotiator; Geneva without a seat for the Palestinians, will not achieve any solution; the Palestine seat there, should not be a half-seat, or a seat behind the curtain; for the basic thing is to acknowledge that the whole issue is that of Palestine, and that its solution requires, before anything else, formal recognition of the legitimacy of the party representing the issue."

In another editorial Al Ra'i commented on the Battle of Al Karamah which was commemorated Sunday, when on March

21, 1968 the Jordanian Armed Forces, with the help of Palestinian commandos repulsed an Israeli attack across the River Jordan against the village, inflicting heavy casualties and damage on the invading force.

"Karamah," said the paper, "was a symbol for encounter and confrontation. It was the first Arab victory after the July 1967 defeat. It was more vigorously repeated in October, 1973. It is now being repeated more widely in Jerusalem, Nablus and Tulkarem."

In its editorial Ad Dustour refers to the United Nations Security Council meeting Monday to discuss the situation in Jerusalem and the West Bank, at the request of the Islamic countries group in the U.N. The paper reminds us of the fact that the Palestinians remain the crux of the Middle East crisis; that any talk on establishment of peace without response to the Palestinian wishes, will remain meaningless... "Jordan had always advised on this fact, and it is high time that the world opinion should open its eyes to it," the paper concludes.

In another commentary on Lebanon, Ad Dustour notices that there is a new Syrian initiative brewing to end the Lebanese crisis, though the features of this attempt were not yet vividly clear.

After analysing at length the present Lebanese contradictions—so inexplicably intermin-



INSPECTING. — British Conservative Leader Margaret Thatcher currently on a visit to Israel is shown inspecting the Israeli made 'Kfir' airplane near Tel Aviv Monday morning.

Jordan Valley Development Plan (III)

B. Social Services:

1. Education Facilities:

The Valley regional education system is based on the premise that within each village every neighborhood has separate boys and girls elementary and preparatory schools. The secondary school system is divided into nine districts, each

located to allow easy transportation access and minimize travel distances. In keeping with the Development Plan's emphasis on improving the quality of life, the school program will include facilities for, and instruction in, subjects usually found only in urban areas, (i.e. physics and chemistry labs, ho-

ice of urban products and services.

5. Recreational and Cultural Facilities:

Existing, mosques, tombs, and other religious sites are being preserved and where possible, upgraded and incorporated into the villages as religious



Women workers bring in the bounty of the Jordan Valley: tomatoes, lettuce, radish, etc.

me economics, and good libraries).

2. Health Facilities:

The regional health service system is divided into five districts based on population size and distance factors. Within each health service district is a medical center to be staffed by two doctors, emergency beds, X-ray units, dental and eye-units, labs, and limited surgery facilities. Out-patient health clinics with a resident doctor are located in medium-sized villages.

The smallest of the villages will have a small clinic, visited by a doctor twice a week.

3. Commercial Facilities:

Commercial facilities are located on a primary road near the community center, or entrance from the main Valley highway, to facilitate accessibility to local residents and transient traffic. Commercial buildings will be built and leased to entrepreneurs. Adequate parking, truck and bus terminal facilities are provided at the commercial center.

4. Government and Administrative Facilities:

Government and local municipal administrative services will be grouped together within each settlement near the commercial center. Regional government facilities, are located in three administrative centers along the Valley. These regional centers coincide with the major regional commercial service centers, and, because of their size and location, are capable of supplying a sophisticated cho-

ice of urban products and services. Potential touristic sites are also being developed to serve both the local community and visitors to the Valley.

Local recreation areas are provided by the yards and athletic fields of schools. Minor open spaces are provided in the residential neighbourhoods, particularly to serve pre-school children. Unbuildable land forms such as wadis, rock outcrops, katar land and steep slopes are to be converted to public open spaces or community pathways, by planting, forestation, erosion control structures, or other appropriate measures.

6. Housing Facilities:

The housing areas within villages are based on neighbourhood clusters of lots served by paved roads at a maximum of 100 meter distance. Immediate access to each house lot is provided by at least an unpaved pedestrian way. The basic residential lot is 12 by 24 metres (288 square metres) with narrow side as frontage. Choice of building materials is left to the inhabitants.

Price subsidy on the first residential lot is one incentive with the sale of additional lots to wealthier inhabitants at market value. Another housing financial aid is a 20 year mortgage, soft-loan program, that would allow prospective residents to finance construction of their house, complete with service connections.

(to be continued tomorrow)

Economic ties to be fostered with North Dakota

AMMAN. — The Governor of North Dakota, Mr. Arthur Link and his accompanying delegation, left here Monday noon at the end of a week-long visit during which he met Crown Prince Hassan and high ranking government officials.

During his visit Mr. Link looked over the development projects included in the Five Year Plan, in particular those of the Jordan Valley region.

He was seen off at the airport by the Mayor of Amman, the Undersecretaries of the Ministries of Justice and Agriculture and the U.S. Ambassador in Amman.

The President of the Chamber of Commerce in North Dakota Richard Crockett was received Sunday by Mr. Mohammad Ali Bdeir, President of the Jordanian Chambers of Commerce Federation. Mr. Bdeir briefed his guest on the projects included in the Five Year Plan, the investment opportunities which exist, and the laws

to encourage foreign investment which have been introduced by the government. Mr. Bdeir stressed readiness of the Jordanian Chambers of Commerce to provide the necessary detailed information to any pertinent parties in North Dakota interested in investing in Jordan's industrial projects.

Mr. Crockett hoped that co-operation between businessmen of the two sides will increase in the future as a result of the visit, and promised to provide Jordanian businessmen with the necessary information relative to economic and commercial activities in North Dakota.

50 years of Iran's dynasty

AMMAN. — His Majesty King Hussein sent Sunday a congratulatory cable to Emperor Rida Pahlavi on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the accession of his family to power, which also coincides with the Iranian New Year.

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the reign of the Pahlavi Dynasty, the Iranian Embassy held a reception Monday evening.

Jordan-Iran talk "tourism"

AMMAN. — The Undersecretary of the Iranian Ministry of Information and Tourism Dr. Fathallah Sa'adat arrived here Monday morning for a visit at the invitation of the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities.

During his stay, he will hold talks with Ministry officials to implement the tourist agreement concluded by the two parties last year, as well as to discuss the increase of touristic cooperation between Iran and Jordan.

Economic, financial team visits Iraq

AMMAN. — A Jordanian delegation headed by the Minister of Finance Mr. Salem Massadeh left here for Baghdad Sunday evening for a visit of several days to hold economic and financial talks aimed at consolidating the existing cooperation in these fields between the two countries.

The delegation includes the Minister of Transport Mr. Mahmoud Hawamdeh, the National Planning Council Secretary General Mr. Wassef Azar and several officials from the Ministries of Public Works, Industry and Commerce, and the Aqaba Port Authority.

Pakistan celebrate national day

Today is the National Day of Pakistan, and the Times takes the opportunity to salute the people of Pakistan and tender best wishes a ternal regards to all Pakistani citizens in Jordan throughout the World.

The celebration of Pakistan's National Day is particularly dear to all and good people of Pakistani nation, has consistently supported the people in their ination to see just in Palestine.

On this National Day, we send our greetings and good wishes to the people of Pakistan and the courageous leader Mr. Ali Bhutto.

NATION BRIEF

● AMMAN. — Jordanian Arab Boycott office Bisharat will participate in meetings of the Boycott Council in Alexandria on Monday which will discuss developments in the oil field and in the U.S. regulation measures adopted by Arab Boycott Bureau.

● AMMAN. — The Ministry of Culture and Information Salah Abu Zeid received Mr. Ibrahim-Jadani's Ambassador to Jordan, as well as the ambassador to Jordan, Pickering.

● AMMAN. — The Minister of the Upper House Mr. Bahjat Talib visited Sunday Jordan's ambassador to Switzerland the Kuwaiti and So ssadors to Jordan.

● AMMAN. — A Iranian delegation led by the Mayor of Tehran here Monday for a visit to discuss with the Municipal official of common interest.

● AMMAN. — The Chief of Staff General Grigaut and his delegation left here Monday at the end of a day visit during which with His Majesty King Hussein, Crown Prince High ranking military

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Use press lambasts for Goldwater

22 (AFP). — The Party newspaper, the People's Daily, described as "absurd" a statement made before the Senate by Barry Goldwater on March 15 by the Republican senator who declared that China belonged to the Nationalist government in Taiwan.

In China's most vehement attack on an American politician since Sino-U.S. relations were established in February 1972, the People's Daily said Sen. Goldwater in his speech "opposed working for the normalisation of Sino-U.S. relations on the basis of the Shanghai communique." (This communique was signed at the end of President Richard Nixon's visit in 1972).

The Communist Party newspaper went on: "Harping on some old anti-Chinese tunes, he also maliciously slandered the Chinese people. Goldwater has all along been hostile to new China and the Chinese people."

Referring to Sen. Goldwater's reported statement that "the vast investment of American capital in Taiwan" should be a "reason enough for us not to alter the relationship of the United States to Taiwan," the People's Daily concluded: "This shows that he represents the interests of a handful of U.S. capitalists having investments in Taiwan, exploiting the Taiwan compatriots and trying to occupy China's territory — Taiwan — forever."



DELIBERATIONS START. — Patricia Hearst is escorted by a deputy U.S. marshal in San Francisco Saturday on her way for a full day of court deliberations. (AP wirephoto).

Moscow donounces Sadat's termination of friendship treaty as "false thesis"

MOSCOW, March 22, (R). — Moscow today angrily denied that it broke promises to Egypt on arms supplies and said President Anwar Sadat grossly distorted the facts.

A commentary by the Soviet government news agency TASS said it was a "false thesis" that the Soviet Union failed to deliver the weapons it promised Egypt.

"The Soviet Union fulfilled, and is fulfilling its commitments, and the agreements it has signed," TASS said.

"Plainly speaking, Sadat grossly distorted the facts and tried to misinterpret the Soviet Union's policy towards Egypt, specifically its policy during the October war of 1973, when Soviet military assistance, as everybody knows, played the decisive part in strengthening Egypt's military potential," it declared.

The commentary echoed earlier Soviet propaganda blasts directed at President Sadat since Egypt broke off its 15-year friendship and cooperation treaty with the Soviet Union a week ago.

But TASS went into greater detail than earlier Soviet comment in denying President Sadat's charge that Moscow put pressure on his country by denying it new arms and spare parts for its existing Soviet weaponry.

As the Third World's leading arms supplier, the Soviet Union is likely to be concerned about the effects President Sadat's complaints could have on other countries whose armed forces rely on Soviet equipment, observers said.

The TASS commentary denied that the Egyptian move had anything to do with alleged violations of arms agreements.

The real reason was that President Sadat and Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmi had taken an unfriendly course to the Soviet Union, TASS insisted.

"When the Egyptian army broke through the Bar Lev line, which was considered unassailable, this was done by officers and men trained in the Soviet Union who were driving Soviet tanks," TASS recalled.

Arab pilots trained in the Soviet Union and flying Soviet planes helped defend Cairo from raids by Israel's American-made bombers, it added.

In aiding a people fighting for its freedom, the Soviet Union declared.

U.S. worried over South Korean political crackdown

SEOUL, March 22 (AFP). — U.S. Ambassador to South Korea Richard Sneider today discussed with acting Foreign Minister Lho Shin Young the renewed government crackdown of political opponents, according to U.S. Embassy sources.

The 30-minute talks at the Foreign Ministry centered on the arrest this month of 11 prominent dissidents including one-time presidential candidate Kim Dae Jung, the sources said.

The local press also confirmed that the U.S. envoy and the South Korean acting minister discussed the fate of opposition leaders who were jailed after demanding in a declaration on March 1 the resignation of President Park Chung Hee and fundamental changes in his government.

The meeting followed the US State Department's statement that the U.S. government was much concerned about the human rights situation in South Korea.

Meanwhile, the major opposition New Democratic Party the same day introduced a motion to the national assembly, demanding the release of the jailed leaders.

The motion, recommended that the government free the leaders if it wishes to restore South Korea's image abroad and stabilise public sentiment at home.

The signatories said "The recent incidents — March 1 anti-government declaration and subsequent crackdowns — have drawn world-wide attention, which the government should take into account."

The Soviet journal Selskaya Jizn said "The world was not convinced by the reasons given by President Anwar Sadat for denouncing the treaty."

On March 14 the Egyptian President told parliament that the Soviet Union "is playing a cat and mouse game with me," and went on to say that the Soviet decision not to supply military spare parts "will turn all the Soviet made arms I have into scrap iron."

President Sadat had said the reason for breaking the treaty was the spare parts decision and the Kremlin's refusal to reschedule the payments on Egypt's 4,000 million dollar debt to the Soviet Union.

The Soviet journal underlined what it called the "true" reasons why Egypt had broken the treaty:

"— President Sadat's decision was taken after Washington had promised Egypt \$ 695 million of aid.

"— The treaty had been denounced shortly after President Sadat visited Saudi Arabia when he obtained \$ 300 million in aid, which was only given on condition that he break the treaty."

Congo president hero of jungle drama

BRAZZAVILLE, March 22 (R). — President Marien Ngouabi of Congo escaped unhurt from a helicopter crash in which two people were killed, then struggled alone through dense jungle to get help for the injured, the official radio here said today.

The broadcast by the Voice of the Congolese Revolution said President Ngouabi, 38, trekked 15 miles (25 km) through the jungle to bring help for several injured people.

The president was the only person to escape injury in the crash, which occurred on Friday about 150 miles north of here.

New cities, towns spring up in China

HONG KONG, March 22 (AFP). — China has made a great leap forward in narrowing differences between cities and countryside, according to the New China News Agency today. Since the founding of the People's Republic (1949), new cities and towns have sprung up near new industrial centers and along communication lines all over the country while old cities have been expanded or rebuilt, it said.

Thousands of big, medium and small cities and towns now dot every inland and coastal province to rectify the former lopsided distribution of industries and cities in semi-feudal and semi-colonial days when they were concentrated along the coast or a few communication lines.

The Chinese build new factories close to raw material sources to make use of local resources and manpower while the state lays special emphasis on the building of small and medium cities to avoid over-crowded urban population and concentrated industrial enterprises.

A typical case in point cited by NCNA is east China Anhwei province where there were only

three cities before. It now boasts ten cities and some 100 small and medium towns.

One of the new industrial cities in Anhwei province is Huaipei, where coal deposits were discovered shortly after liberation.

Commission to examine Teng's errors

PEKING, March 22, (AFP). — The Chinese Communist Party's Central Committee has set up a special commission to carry out an inquiry into the "faults" of senior Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping and other "rightist" leaders, a well-informed diplomatic source said here today.

Mr. Teng, who is also a vice-chairman and army chief of staff, was still refusing to admit his errors and was maintaining the "revisionist" positions for which he is being attacked in the official press, the source disclosed.

The inquiry commission was reportedly composed notably of Central Committee members, and in that way was comparable with commissions formed during the Cultural Revolution to examine accusations made by the Red Guards against prominent persons under attack.

29 injured by bomb

March 22, (AFP). — A total of 29 were injured in a bomb explosion today in Bangkok, Thailand.

The explosion occurred in a crowded area near the U.S. Embassy.

Police have released earlier suspects in the explosion, but a strong crowd gathered outside the U.S. Embassy.

S. authorities made it clear government order directly adhered to.

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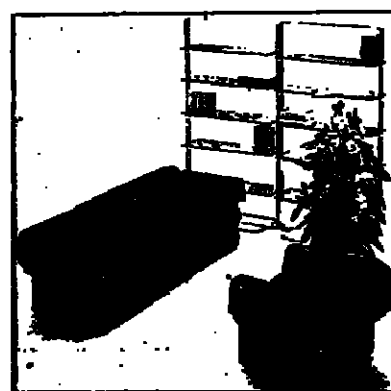
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MITI plans to abolish prices for wholesale oil products

TOKYO, Mar. 22, (AFP). — The Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) plans to abolish—possibly in April—wholesale prices for petroleum products set to salvage deficit-ridden oil firms.

Negotiations between the oil and petrochemical industries on price increases for naphtha—a kind of refined oil used as a raw material of petrochemical products—are expected to be concluded early next month ending a round of price hikes for oil products, MITI sources said.

The standard price system was introduced last December for three vital products—gasoline, fuel oil and naphtha—under the petroleum business law to help the ailing oil industry negotiate prices raises offsetting recent increases in the cost of crude oil imports.

It called for an average increase of 10 per cent to 31,000 yen (\$ 103) per kiloliter from 28,700 yen (\$ 96).

Around 80 per cent of the proposed increase has been realized, with talks on Naphtha prices entering a final stretch the sources said.

The oil industry is continuing production cutbacks to pressure for price hikes under a supply program mapped out with MITI's aid.

The oil companies have been in close cooperation so far but MITI, trying to consolidate the industry through closer partnership or even mergers taking advantage of the crisis, is concerned they may swing into fresh competition with one another once the price hikes run their course.

MITI will step up efforts for consolidation of the industry

U.S. extends \$75m loans to Portugal

LISBON, March 22 (AFP). — The United States has awarded Portugal three loans totalling \$75 million for the purchase of U.S. food, Trade Minister Salgado Zenha said here today on his return from a visit to Washington.

The socialist minister also said he had secured a \$48 million seven-year loan from the International Monetary Fund.

Portugal could also count on early World Bank aid worth several dozen million dollars for a number of economic development projects, he said.

The Trade Minister said he had initiated negotiations with the American administration with a view to securing that Portugal would benefit from the U.S. generalised system of preferences.

This would help increase Portuguese exports to the U.S. market, he said.

in the new fiscal year starting April 1 under subsidies and other financial assistance, the sources said.

Iran, Japan to start joint petrochemical project

TOKYO, March 22 (R). — The Japanese and Iranian governments have exchanged notes on the extension by the former of a twenty-eight point eight million yen credit to help finance a joint petrochemical project which the National Petroleum Co. (NPC) of Iran and a Mitsui group of Japan (Mitsui and Co., Oto Soda Manufacturing, Mitsui Toatsu Chemicals, Mitsui Petrochemical and Nippon Synthetic Rubber) are promoting.

The project calls for the construction of a huge petrochemical complex in Bandarshapur at an estimated cost of five hundred fifty billion yen to produce three hundred thousand tons of ethylene from casing head gas annually and various derivatives, with the Iranian side bearing a hundred fifty billion yen and the Japanese three hundred billion.

The credit to be extended from the bank is repayable over twenty years including a five-year grace at four per cent per annum. In addition, the bank is to lend thirty-six point two billion yen to cover deferred payments for items exported from Japan and furnish direct loans up to sixty billion yen.

BADEA finances 12 projects worth \$85.5m

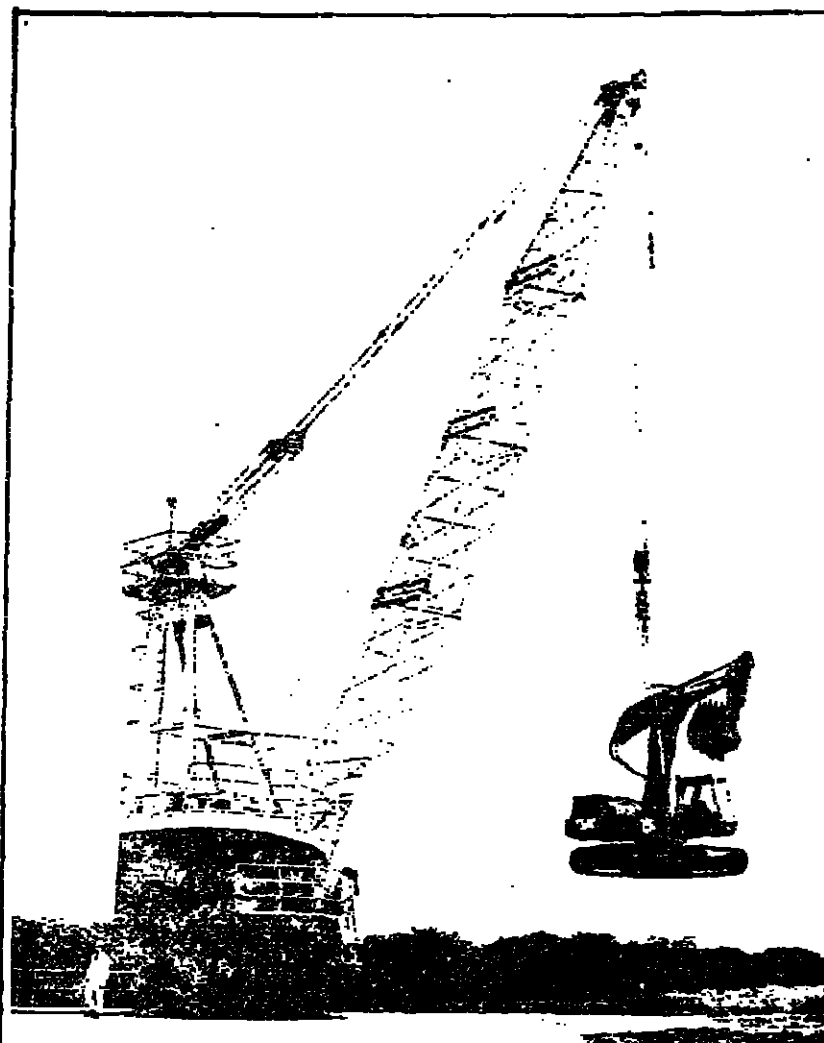
TUNIS, Mar. 22, (AFP). — The administrative council of the Arab Bank for African Economic Development (BADEA) opened its fourth session here yesterday.

At its last meeting in November the council approved 12 projects worth \$85.5 million in African countries.

The bank, which has its headquarters in Khartoum, Sudan, was set up at the Arab Summit Conference in Algeria in 1973.

UNIDO to be turned into autonomous agency

VIENNA, Mar. 22, (R). — U.N. member countries began discussions here today on turning the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) into an autonomous agency.



SEALION OUT OF WATER. — To snatch a 94 tonne load from the crest of a 12 metre wave in the raging North Sea is a feat which this Priestman 'Sealion' crane takes in its stride. The crane is seen here lifting a 25 tonne hydraulic excavator during a test at its British manufacturer in Eastern England. Developed as a result of worldwide enquiries for a crane suitable for use on offshore platforms, docksides or on workboats, it can withstand rough weather — including high winds and high water — and is fitted with a high speed winching system which provides the exceptional 'Snatch' lifting capability.

World Bank: 2/3 of mankind poor

WASHINGTON, March 22 AFP. — One third of mankind lives on an average of less than 200 dollars a year, while eight per cent on an average of over 5,000, the World Bank said here yesterday.

Publishing a study based on 1973 per capita income figures, the Bank said the average Kuwaiti earned 12,050 dollars a year. The figures for the United Arab Emirates was 11,630. Inhabitants of the eight next wealthiest countries earned between 6,200 (United States) and 5,030 dollars (Iceland).

At the other end of the scale, 61 per cent of mankind lives on an average of less than 500 dollars and the inhabitants

of the world's 13 poorest nations — 30 per cent of the world's total — on under 200 dollars.

The report listed 10 African nations among the poorest, together with Haiti, Indonesia and South Vietnam.

Soviet Venus probes still in orbit, relaying data

MOSCOW, March 22, (R). — Two Soviet spacecraft, launched last June, have made over 70 orbits of the planet Venus and are still beaming back data to ground control, TASS news agency reported today.

The spacecraft Venus 9 and 10 have completed 75 and 71 orbits respectively, gathering information on the planet's cloud cover and upper atmosphere, TASS said.

Exchange Rates

Following are the official exchange rates at the close of the business day yesterday. The two figures denote buying and selling prices in Jordanian fils.

U.S. dollar:	331.0	331.0
U.K. sterling:	639.0	645.0
French franc:	71.2	71.5
Swiss franc:	131.4	131.3
German mark:	131.0	131.4
Iraqi dinar:	915.0	925.0
Saudi riyal:	93.2	93.7
Syrian pound:	84.0	84.1
Egyptian pound:	455.0	560.5
Lebanese pound:	131.0	132.2
UAE dirham:	83.3	83.8

The 12-day conference is the second out of three and will be followed by another at the end of June.

Reorganisation of the agency is expected to be completed at the earliest by 1978.

ECONOSCOPE

Central Bank is adept at the foreign exchange game

By Jawad Ahmad

One of the main functions of the Central Bank of Jordan is to manage the Kingdom's foreign reserve assets. Such assets are vital to Jordan because they serve two important functions. First, they are the medium used to purchase needed goods and services from abroad. Second, they are the collateral used for guaranteeing the convertibility of the Jordanian dinar. The confidence in the dinar has always been given top priority, and it has never been allowed to shake or dwindle.

However, all foreign reserves are not instantly used for the payment of imports. Some are tucked away in order to meet unforeseen future contingencies. These amounts are usually invested abroad in foreign securities or bonds which yield a certain profit margin. It is the Central Bank that must see to it that this profit is maximised within the minimum amount of risk.

Foreign reserve assets are made up of three main components: gold, gold tranche position in the International Monetary Fund (IMF), and foreign exchange.

Gold is a dormant asset which does not yield any returns. Jordan owns about JD11 million worth of it, if the price of gold is considered as \$42.2 per fine ounce. However, the Central Bank has recently decided to revalue its gold holdings by up to \$100 per ounce. The ensuing JD 15.3 million dinars will be transferred to the newly established Pension Fund, which will invest these amounts in directly productive projects. The proceeds will help alleviate the burden of pension from the budget's shoulders.

The gold tranche position with the IMF is actually outside the domain of monetary authorities in Jordan. It can only be used when Jordan suffers from an external deficit or a sharp decline in exports.

However, the majority of foreign assets are in major foreign currencies. The portfolio contains such notable currencies as the dollar, German mark, Swiss franc, Dutch guilder, Belgian franc, sterling, French franc and

Italian lira. These currencies vary in their stability, and as of now the dollar and mark are more remarkably stable than the French franc, the pound sterling and the Italian lira.

The management of foreign reserves comes especially difficult with uncertainty in the international monetary market. The Central Bank of Jordan is not mainly interested in increasing its foreign investment, but in maintaining the value of its total foreign assets. Such value can be severely hurt by the decline in the prices of some major currencies comprising the foreign exchange portfolio.

In order to hedge against losses in value of its assets, the Central Bank started differentiating and diversifying its portfolio. For instance, it decreased the relative importance of its sterling holdings from 50 per cent in 1967 to three per cent in December 1975 and to 1.3 per cent at the end of February 1976. The same procedure has been followed with French francs and Italian liras. In contrast, the shares of dollars, marks and Belgian francs have been increased.

The Central Bank has done commendably in the management of its foreign reserves. It has shown foresight in predicting future developments in international markets and adopting the necessary precautionary measures. Given the fact that Jordan's share of foreign assets is very small relative to international liquidity, the Central Bank's performance is elevated to distinction.

The uncertainty and high risk conditions which prevailed in the international markets over the last three years should have made it more difficult to achieve a stable profit on foreign reserves.

However, the Central Bank has succeeded in increasing its profits from JD 6.3 million in 1973 to JD 8.8 million in 1974 to JD 10.9 million in 1975. At the same time external price of the dinar has shown remarkable stability.

LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market closed mixed to easier after a quiet session. Investors held back ahead of the Labour Party leadership elections.

Government stocks saw small buying in the medium long end of the market, and some issues were higher to 1/4 point.

But shorts lost 1/16 or 11 points.

Leading equities were mostly easier by 1p to 4p in trading, and at 1500 the F.T. index was down 2.9 at 109.9.

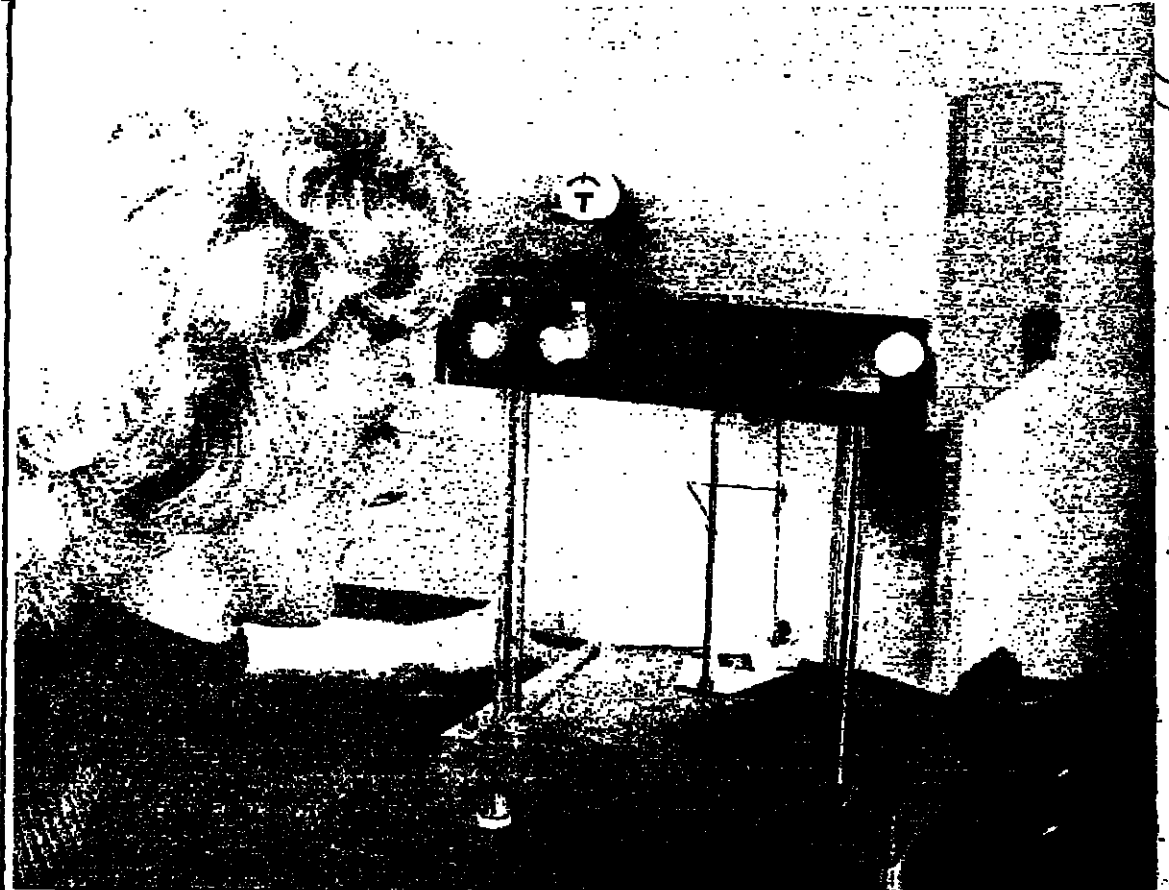
Oils eased slightly where changed, while leading bank shares were mostly unchanged. Mining shares continued easier with Beers off 7p in its 'ex-dividend form,' and Southern Rhodesia bonds were marked down a point.

Australians were easier where changed.

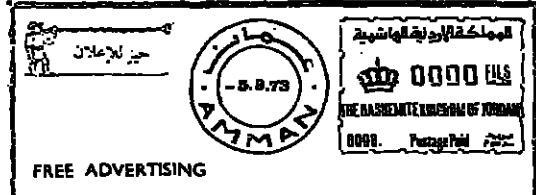
Among shares to gain modestly were Lucas Industries 2p ahead of figures later this week and Tubes, steady results on Wednesday. Rolls Royce was a penny easier in its results.

GEC lost an early gain after press comment that it sell its 18 pct holding in ICH and it eventually finished a 3p loss. ICH lost 2p.

Among shares to lose between 2p and 4p were Court Bowater, ICI, Marks, Fisons, Glaxo, BAT, Thorn, EMI, H. Siddeley, Beecham and Unilever. Metal Box and Reed International lost 5p and 6p respectively.

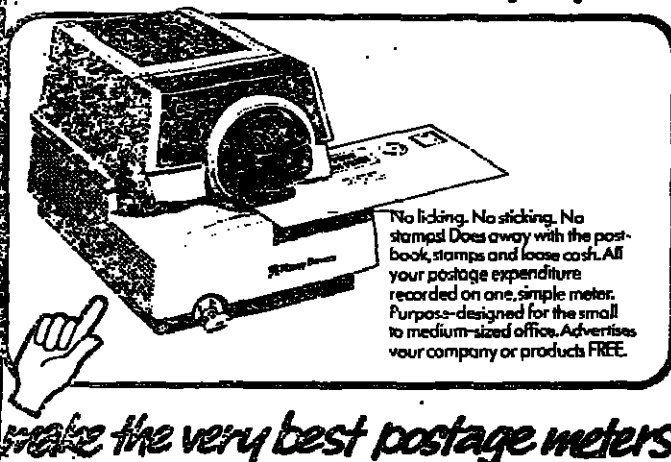


ALL IN THE BALANCE. — This machine, the F4P weighs in the range of 1 to 160 g with an optical accuracy of 0.1 milligrams. The 31TD, with its bright red digital counter, will register as an increase in weight a puff of air from a distance of five feet. Placing a hand above the weighing pan produces a negative reaction as the heated air rises, decreases the pressure a little, but enough again to register.



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U.S. nuclear plants a target for cranks ?

Coffee drinking not dangerous for heart

"The risk, if there is any, of dying of a heart ailment because of drinking coffee seem very slight", said Dr Hennekens.

SPINNING FOR GOLD. — Dorothy Hamill of the United States showed nearly flawless form as she competed at the Olympic Winter Games in Innsbruck, Austria. The 19-year-old figure skater from Riverside (Connecticut) stunned the audience and judges with her beautiful routines and won the Gold Medal.

BARBARY COAST

MARY HAD MORE THAN A LITTLE

A group of thieves try to steal the safe of a company with the help of an insider. They get caught in the end.

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Television

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s in Arabic	9.00 Science report
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	10.00 News in English
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Amman Airport

ARRIVALS :

8.30 Bangkok, Bahrain
9.30 Kuwait (KAC)
9.50 Beirut
16.15 Cairo
16.30 Paris
16.55 London
17.15 Copenhagen
17.20 Copenhagen, Frankfurt
17.45 Rome
18.30 Beirut (MEA)
18.40 Amsterdam, Athens
(KLM)

Radio

(ON 856 KHZ)

7.00	Breakfast show
7.30	News Bulletin
7.45	Morning melodies
8.00	Sign off
12.00	Pop session (part I)
13.00	News Summary
13.03	Pop session (Part II)
14.00	News Bulletin
14.10	Radio magazine
14.30	Good vibrations
15.00	Classical music
15.30	Light Instrumentals
16.00	Old Favourites
16.30	Easy listening
17.00	Studio one
18.00	News Summary
18.05	Listener's choice
18.30	Story time
18.45	Break for music
19.00	News Bulletin
19.10	News reports
19.30	Sign off

Market Price

Apples (golden) : 100-140
Apples (starken) : 120-160
Apples (double red) : 200-250
Bell pepper : 400-480
Bananas : 150-190
Cabbage : 50-65
Cauliflower : 50-70
Carrots (yellow) : 50-65
Carrots (black) : 50-70
Cucumbers (small) : 150-200
Cucumbers (large) : 80-120
Eggplant (large) : 100-130
Grapefruit : 50-70
Green walnut (local) : 190-220
Green walnut (dry) : 200-240
Green walnut (Sy.) : 240-280
Garlic (dry) : 50-80
Garlic (green) : 5-70
Lettuce (large) : 60-80
Lettuce (small) : 30-50
Lemon : 80-110
Hors beans : 80-110
Hot pepper : 400-480
Marrow (small) : 100-140
Marrow (large) : 50-80
Oranges : 80-120
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Libyan-French talks end closer cooperation ties.

TRIPOLI, March 22 (AFP). — French Premier Jacques Chirac wound up an official visit to Libya today with both sides stressing the political rather than economic nature of the trip.

This morning Mr. Chirac and his Libyan counterpart Major Abdul Salam Jalloud, signed four documents which had been prepared for the visit. They covered economic, technical, scientific, cultural and maritime interests.

The political side of the talks was illustrated however, by Mr. Chirac's three-hour meeting last night with Libyan Chief of State Colonel Muammar Khaddafi and Major Jalloud at the Nasser air base at Tobruk.

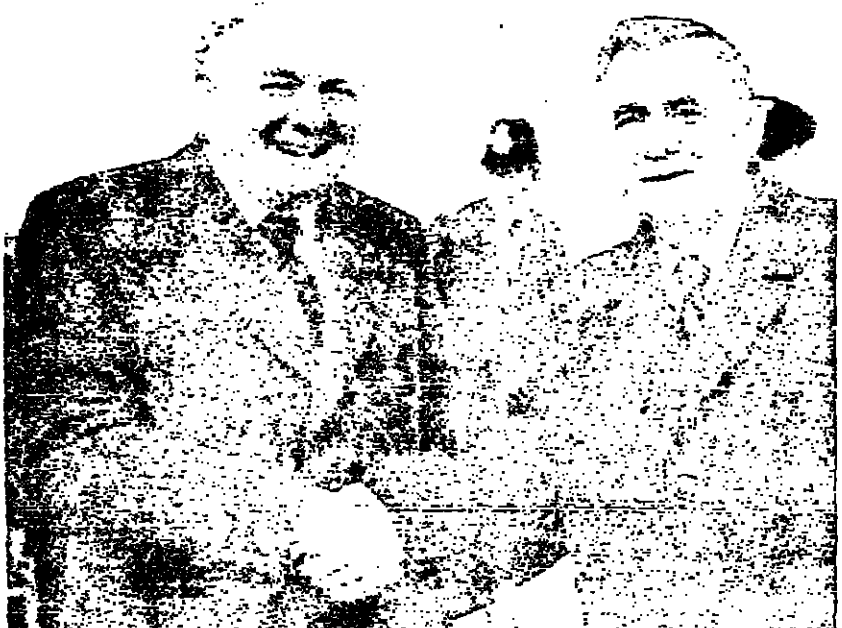
Col. Khaddafi later told newsmen that he did not believe that "the fact of seeking concrete results had any interest."

The three leaders examined, rather, "what is useful in ge-

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CONCLUDES VISIT. — French premier Jacques Chirac shakes hands with Libyan Leader Muammar Khaddafi Sunday during his three day official visit to Libya. (AP wirephoto).

DURHAM, North Carolina, March 22, (R). — Ronald Reagan and George Wallace made last minute campaign appearances today hoping to stave off defeat in tomorrow's North Carolina primary which would probably end their presidential party.

However, the former U.S. Vice-President added, he would consider it "a challenge and an honor" to be nominated by delegates to the Democratic convention in New York in July.

But political experts are convinced President Ford will win the Republican race in this southern state to widen his al-

ready formidable lead over Mr Reagan. They also feel that former Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter will strengthen his position as the front-running Democrat, beating Alabama's Governor Wallace.

Confidence is running high in the Ford and Carter camps, even though their candidates did not campaign in the state today.

The field of Democratic candidates—now eight following the withdrawal of the late President Kennedy's brother-in-law, Sargent Shriver, announced in Washington today—is led by Mr. Carter.

He has won all the primaries except Massachusetts, where Senator Henry Jackson of Washington State and Mr Wallace finished ahead of him.

In Washington Democratic Senator Hubert Humphrey reaffirmed that in spite of rumors to the contrary, he would not participate in any primary elections to try to win the presidential nomination of his PLO seated at UN

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the occupied Arab territories,"
to call for immediate & effective
steps to end violations, and
to rescind all previous measures
taken by Israel in Jerusalem
and on the West Bank.

"We cannot stand idle in the face of Israeli terrorism," he added.

Israeli measures in the West Bank would harm the chances for a negotiated peace, he concluded.

When the debate was resumed after lunch, the first speaker was Jordanian Ambassador Abdul Hamid Sharaf.

In the past, some Council members had found an excuse for inaction in technical arguments and claims that action would undercut unilateral initiatives, he said.

The Council must act immediately to highlight the urgency and seriousness of the situation. World opinion must know and be called upon to help the victims of aggression.

Israel must be compelled to abide by the principles of international law governing the conduct of the occupying power in the occupied area, Mr. Sharaf said.

Kreisky ends tour

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ing efforts to achieve peace."

He added that Socialist parties adopted a positive stand towards the rights of the Palestine Arab People, and this represented an essential factor in finding a peaceful solution in the region.

Tito ends Latin America tour

BELGRADE, March 22 (AFP). — President Tito flew back here today at the end of his Latin American tour and three-day stopover in Portugal.

Observers suggested that one of the attributed aims of the tour — persuading Venezuela and Mexico to come over to the non-aligned nations movement before the August summit in Colombo — had not been attained.

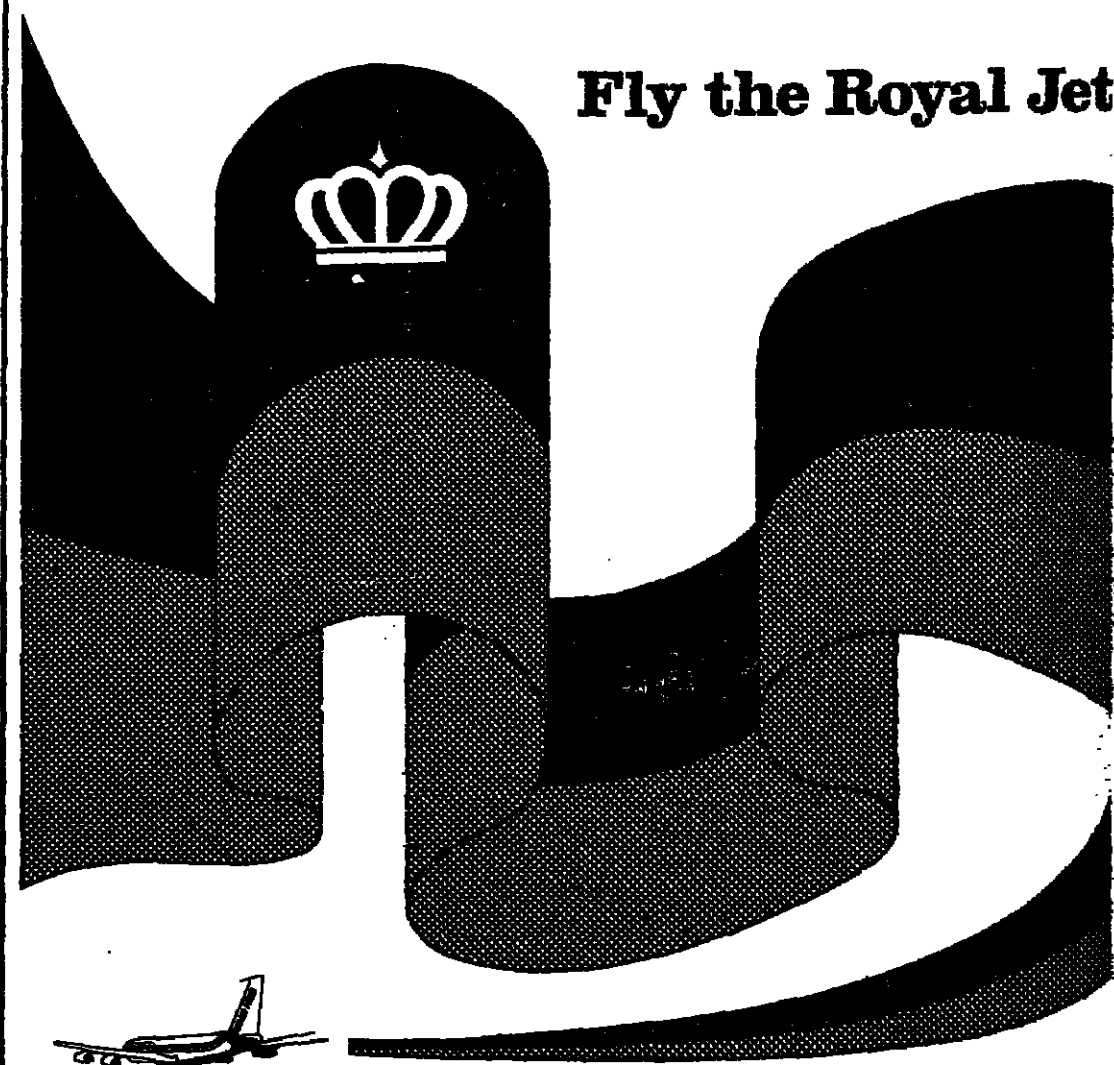
However, it appeared that following Marshal Tito's talks with Portuguese President Costa Gomes that Portugal might be an "observer" in Colombo.

Marshal Tito is to be host here soon to Sri Lanka Prime Minister Sirimavo Bandaranaike before making an official visit to Sweden at the end of the month.

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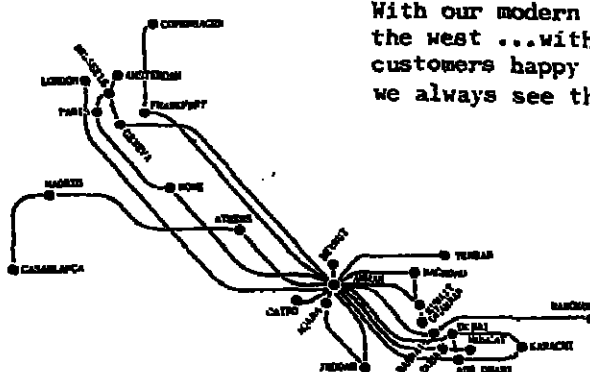
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